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## **Sen. Sanborn invites Senate Education Committee to Macomb County to hear local views on graduation requirements**

**LANSING** — The Senate Education Committee will come to Macomb County on Friday to listen to area residents about proposed high school graduation requirements, at the invitation of Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township.

“The proposed graduation requirements have raised many questions with parents and educators alike,” Sanborn said. “I wanted to offer Macomb County residents a chance to get some answers directly and share their thoughts.”

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. on March 3 at the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, in Clinton Township. Parents, teachers and local school administrators are invited to testify.

The Senate is considering a proposal from the state superintendent and State Board of Education that would implement graduation requirements beyond the half year of civics class now required. The plan would require students to take certain courses and a certain number of years, or equivalent credit, in different subjects:

- Four of English;
- Four of math, including Algebra I and II, and geometry;
- Three of science, including a year of biology, and either physics or chemistry;
- Three of social science, including half-year each of civics and economics, and a year each of U.S. and world history;
- Two of foreign language;
- One of health and physical education; and,
- One of visual or performing arts.

Michigan is among a handful of states that have minimal statewide graduation requirements. Except for a civics class, graduation requirements are left to local school boards.

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